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Selectmen's Report.

March 1, 1878.

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

1877.		Paid—	
Mar.	17	J. J. Welch, work on road,	2 00
	20	J. K. Moulton, fire department,	6 50
		Merrimack Journal, printing reports,	99 00
		" " " warrants, etc.,	14 75
	22	S. F. Danforth, extra police,	2 00
		S. A. Dow, on road,	1 50
May	4	T. H. Wadsworth, breaking roads,	8 96
		T. D. Burleigh, police service,	18 00
	19	John Fawdry, on road,	1 75
		Nathan Philbrick, on road,	4 49
		Wadsworth & Kimball, service as referance,	4 00
	23	L. D. Stevens' Est. for water tub,	3 00
		H. L. Davis, wood for county pauper,	6 00
June	2	A. Durkee, over tax two years,	3 95
		Jos. S. French, Steward fire department,	10 00
		Archie McDonell, extra police,	10 00
		S. S. Rollins, breaking road,	4 50
July	6	J. S. Gould, extra police,	6 00
		M. G. Kimball,	9 80

	12	Harry Hinds, damage to horse,	12 00
		Johnson & Son, meal for town farm,	14 00
		Geo. R. Kennision, breaking road,	2 00
		Gilman Whitney, care of reservoir,	2 00
		W. W. Sleeper, doctoring,	12 00
		George Morrison, labor on bridge,	3 00
Sept.	29	Samuel F. Danforth, on road,	20 32
Oct.	6	" " "	41 52
Nov.	26	G. W. Stevens, breaking roads,	50
1878.			
Feb.	8	H. S. Prescott, town farm,	90 94
	23	D. A. George, on road, 1876,	5 00
		L. B. Shaw, damage to wagon, 1875,	2 00
		Richard Judkins, culverts in 1872,	40 00
		J. S. Robinson, sheep killed by dogs,	24 00
		M. S. Morse " "	32 00
		Geo. Severance, " ",	10 00
		Wm. Holmes, " ",	2 50
		C. C. Cross, services,	10 00
		Ira Greeley, services,	13 00
		H. S. Prescott, services,	13 00
			$566.18

NOTES, BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid	Franklin Savings Bank,	504 60
	D. S. Gilchrist, Treas. Coupons,	213 00
	Abigail Hoyt, note and interest,	1108 87
	D. S. Gilchrist, coupons,	954 00
	Putnam Batchelder, interest,	125 00
	Susan Fuller, interest,	200 00
	D. S. Gilchrist, coupons,	198 00
	" "	960 00
	Mrs. Susan Fuller, note,	223 45
	Alexis Proctor, interest,	8 54
		$4,495,46

Town Expense.

Paid	S. F. Danforth, police,	2 00
	F. H. Daniel, insurance,	259 08
	Morrill & Silsby, books,	5 50
	Dr. J. H. Sanborn, record of births and deaths,	11 00
	Ira Greeley, on acct.,	25 00
	Ed. Judkins, police,	12 50
	H. S. Prescott, on acct.,	50 00
	T. D. Burleigh, police,	7 00
	A. McDonell, "	4 00
	Morrill & Silsby, books,	2 50
	Geo. Knox, police,	3 95
	S. P. Dustin, copying,	18 00
	Ira Greeley, on acc.,	50 00
	Merrimack Journal, printing,	19 50
	Ira Greeley, on acct.,	50 00
	D. S. Gilchrist, on acct.,	43 20
	H. LeMay, police,	4 00
	Patrick Casey, lobby repairs,	17 10
	John Buchanan, police,	2 00
	A. C. Tilton, wood,	5 00
	H. LeMay, police,	4 00
	Sleeper & Co., lobby,	1 41
	G. W. Sawyer, on acct,	50 00
	Pike & Blodgett, on acct.	15 00
	Thompson & Jewell, lumber,	8 55
	Geo. E, Knox, police,	15 00
	A. C. Fitz,	10 32
	F. H. Chapman, school books,	4 55
	Morrill & Silsby, books,	1 75
	D. A. George, police,	2 00
	H. S. Prescott, on acct.,	71 95
	E. H. Sturtevant, books,	14 14
	G. S. Knox,	8 00
	E. B. S. Sanborn, services,	49 50
	Paige & Young, lobby,	2 00

L. M. Knight, rec. births and deaths,		10 00
F. H. Daniell, insurance,		9 70
E. H. Sturtevant, stationery,		5 55
Merrimack Journal, printing,		4 00
J. H. Cilley, care of town hall,		22 10
A. D. Turcotte, police,		2 00
Ira Greeley, on acct.,		32 00
Jacob Heath, police,		6 00
J. S. Morrison, bounty on fox,		9 00
C. C. Cross, services,		40 00
E. H. Sturtevant, school books,		10 82
Ira Greeley, balance of account,		20 84
H. S. Prescott,	"	56 50
D. S. Gilchrist,	"	81 80
		$1,159.52

TOWN FARM.

1877.	Paid—		
May,	19	Woodworth Brothers, plaster,	11 66
July	16	J. W. Davis, meal,	14 95
	20	Levi Richardson, goods,	15 95
	27	Johnson & Son, meal,	64 97
Sept.	13	F. H. Daniell, insurance,	15 00
	18	C. T. Call, on acct.,	100 00
Nov.	26	J. W. Davis, meal,	21 13
	27	H. S. Clay, mending shoes,	2 80
Dec.	10	H. S. Prescott, on acct., groceries,	100 00
1878.			
Jan.	26	A. Durkee, for doctoring,	25 00
		S. H. Clay, shoe making,	1 75
Feb.	14	Dolloff & Greeley, meat,	2 43
	15	C. T. Call, for paid bill,	70 00
		Johnson & Son,	21 40
		J. H. Rowell, tinware,	8 08
		H. J. Odell, clothing,	20 60
		G. W. Sawyer, grass seed,	9 05

	E. H. Sturtevant, for Mrs. Wells,	6 00
	" S. Bennett,	7 35
	Levi Richardson, goods,	8 28
	D. Gilchrist & Co. "	157 00
	H. S. Prescott, "	130 00
28	C. T. Call, balance due on acct, and salary,	198 92
		$1,012.63

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid	G. R. Kenniston, work on road,	4 35
	Samuel F. Danforth, "	6 82
	Lewis Bussell, breaking roads,	3 90
	S. F. Danforth, "	14 60
	H. Shaw, "	2 00
	S. F. Danforth, "	22 33
	H. Shaw, "	2 60
	Mitchell Brodeur, "	9 00
	Thompson & Jewell, plank	75 0
	B. P. Simonds, timber for Daniell's bridge,	54 28
	Joseph Judkins, stone and labor on Daniell's bridge,	50 00
	M. G. Kimball, drawing plank,	7 75
	Mrs. Hiram Fifield, lighting bridge,	28 00
	Charles H. Clark, for bridges Morrison district,	52 50
	Daniel Mitchell, labor on Daniell's bridge,	32 00
	Levi Richardson, oil, etc.,	23 97
	Thompson & Jewell, lumber,	75 17
	Joseph Brown, on acc., lumber for bridge,	140 00
	George Preble, work on road,	1 50
	Frank Bennett, work on Daniell's bridge,	13 00
	B. P. Simonds, lumber on Daniell's bridge,	80 00
	Joseph E. Colby, stone etc.,	32 93
	Geo. Thompson, work on Daniell's bridge,	16 50
	George Morrison, " "	28 00
	Gust Walker, pipe,	37 80
	William M. Barnard, surveying,	3 00
	B. P. Simonds, lumber,	41 57

Fitz & Barnes, nails,	4 84
Frank Bennett, work on Daniell's bridge,	41 00
O. P. Sanborn, work on roads,	7 80
L. D. Sleeper & Co., lumber,	3 67
Northern R. R., freight,	3 02
J. W. Davis, Daniell's bridge,	16 00
J. Mathews, "	30 50
G. R. Kenniston, roads,	11 75
W. L. Gilchrist, lumber,	8 00
J. W. Turner, 1-2 water tub,	1 50
H. Shaw, roads,	3 50
Gust Walker, pipe,	2 71
Wm. Holmes, plank,	22 00
H. Shaw, on covered bridge,	22 50
Francis Shaw, stone, Daniell's bridge,	12 00
A. Coutermarsh, on ditch,	31 62
J. G. Judkins, Daniell's bridge,	37 74
Geo. W. Stone, "	14 25
Burleigh Bros., on acct,	100 00
M. G. Kimball, on road,	6 00
J. S. Huntoon, Damage on land,	5 00
M. S. Morse, "	25 00
Northern R. R., "	5 00
Chas. M. Kimball, new road,	11 25
Andrew Austin, "	9 00
C. M. Smith, "	5 50
John Lakin, "	7 50
J. K. Robinson, "	6 00
L. D. Bussiel, on road,	14 20
E. Shaw, "	6 30
Prince Bussiel, "	8 00
Thomas Bruce, "	3 00
John Mathews, "	19 38
Ammon Cate, "	4 00
Louis Rostern, "	2 00
H. Davenport, "	5 00

J. R. Tilton. "	9 50
" " Republican bridge,	10 00
" " Jewell "	5 00
George B. Robie, Shaw road,	3 50
Samuel Robie, "	12 50
Jacob Heath, new road,	8 75
D. C. Googin, "	7 00
H. W. Clapp, sewer caps,	84 00
George W. Thompson, republican bridge,	4 92
Leonard Gerrish, water tub,	3 00
Moses S. Morse, on road,	10 00
A. D. Davenport, stone and drawing,	6 00
D. A. Sanborn, on road,	3 25
" Daniell bridge,	13 68
C. S. Sleeper, lumber,	2 50
Jewell & Thompson, lumber,	60 50
John Collins, new road,	11 50
W. F. Thompson, Daniell bridge,	40 60
J. G. Carleton, road,	52
Benjamin S. Colby, plank,	5 13
James Martell, Daniell bridge,	29 50
" new road,	11 00
Chas. Hopkins, "	5 00
J. W. Huntoon, "	18 62
J. B. Calley, repairing tools,	11 23
Samuel Danforth, work in Feb. 1877,	10 34
L. D. Davenport, lumber for bridge,	4 80
W. O. Daniells, labor,	2 50
Lewis & Judkins, drills,	3 00
" Daniell bridge,	7 38
J. E. Colby, work & stone,	10 35
D. R. Woodward and Thompson, work,	1 75
A. Sunderland, 1-2 water tub,	1 50
J. F. Locke, labor,	1 00
Johnson & Son, lumber,	3 20
Louisa Fifield, lighting republican bridge,	28 50

Byron Shaw, labor,		5 05
Samuel Heath, new road,		9 00
Jacob Heath, labor on bridge,		33 25
J. H. Frisbee, labor on road,		5 00
Dana & Watts,	"	3 10
"	"	3 00
B. S. Hancock,	"	14 25
Judkins & Lewis, on road,		17 00
Charles Warren, culvert,		25 00
Bickford Lang, iron work,		14 54
Rufus A. Manuel, 2 culverts,		10 00
S. G. Pike, drawing plank,		2 00
H. D. Smith, water tub,		3 00
Levi Richardson, republican bridge,		22 76
"	roads and bridges,	13 18
"	new road,	3 30
J. F. Leighton and others,		11 01
D. Gilchrist, new road,		2 50
Burleigh Bros., pipe &c.,		209 19
O. B. Davis, water tub,		3 00
Richard Judkins,	" and work,	4 00
J, Mathews, labor on road,		40 00
J. S. Morse, water tub,		3 00
Ira Greeley, labor and expenses,		89 12
		$2,372.62

County Paupers.

Paid	T. J. Scribner,		12 00
	B. M. Prescott	for Mrs. Gonic,	12 98
	P. E. Sanborn	" P. Bussiel,	3 00
	H. Shaw	" J. B. Clay,	5 62
	Thos. Patterson	" James Patterson,	26 00
	J. D. Kirk	" J. Little,	3 70
	Royal Stone	" Mrs. Rouse,	24 00
	M. G. Kimball	" Mrs. D. Haines,	6 00

Morrison & French	for	Jonathan Frost,	34 50
"	"	Reuben Keazer,	42 00
Thos. Patterson	"	James Patterson,	26 00
Mrs. John Shaw	"	Geo. B. Davidson,	4 00
D. Gilchrist & Co.,	on account	county paupers,	64 00
N. H. reform school	for	Cole boy,	26 00
Gilchrist & Smith	"	county paupers,	5 00
E. H. Sturtevant	"	Gove,	1 80
"	"	J. Emerson,	1 50
Stephen Kenrick	"	county paupers.	12 70
Dr. A. Durkee	"	Frank Wells,	10 25
"	"	J. B. Clay,	3 00
A. P. French	"	E. P. Gove,	7 00
B. M. Prescott	"	Mrs. Gonic,	5 69
Reform School	"	Cole boy,	19 50
Thomas Patterson	"	James Patterson.	26 00
C. S. Sleeper	"	E. P. Gove,	8 50
A. C. Tilton	"	Ed. Donahue,	3 00
Prince Bussiel	"	H. Bacon,	2 00
L. M. Knight	"	county paupers,	20 00
A. D. Davenport	"	J. B. Clay,	11 50
F. H. Marsh	"	Mrs. Wood,	3 50
"	"	Jos. Longley's children,	4 70
"	"	Mrs. Rouse,	9 50
James Marsh estate	"	Mrs. Wood.	2 00
F. L. Morrison & Co.	"	Mrs. Wood,	2 56
Sam'l H. Clay	"	A. Austin,	1 50
A. Durkee	"	Huse Austin,	2 00
J. L. Collins	"	Mr. Floyd,	35 00
Ira Greeley	"	Huse Austin,	6 00
H. S. Colby	"	E. Harriman,	3 25
D. Gilchrist & Co.	"	Mrs. D. Haines,	22 00
"	"	Prince Bussiel,	8 91
"	"	J. Emerson,	4 44
"	"	Betsey Wallace,	10 65
"	"	Mrs. Wood,	3 87

D. Gilchrist & Co.	for	J. Langley,	1 50
"	"	A. Austin,	4 00
"	"	Henry Bacon,	30 08
"	"	I. K. Ober,	36 56
"	"	J. Emerson,	7 47
"	"	E. Harriman,	3 00
"	"	Mrs. C. B. Smith,	2 00
R. E. Bean	"	J. Rouse,	9 00
"	"	A. Austin,	2 00
Levi Richardson	"	E. P. Gove,	11 18
"	"	Frank Leeds,	6 00
E. H. Sturtevant	"	J. Frost,	4 60
"	"	J. Langley,	1 75
"	"	J. B. Clay,	12 25
"	"	J. M. Otis,	2 70
"	"	Mrs. J. Frost,	1 50
"	"	Mrs. M. Brown,	1 00
"	"	Richard Daley,	1 60
"	"	William Arlin,	4 80
"	"	Mrs. Ward,	50
"	"	Mrs. J. Wallace,	3 95
"	"	Samuel Ryan,	80
"	"	G. B. Davidson,	1 55
"	"	George Emerson,	1 58
"	"	Mary Mehegan,	13 10
M. S. Morse,	"	J. B. Clay,	12 00
J. W. Davis,	"	Mrs. Collins,	3 50
"	"	Richard Daley,	5 25
G. W. Sawyer,	"	Frank Plant,	2 18
C. C. Chase,	"	Longley Brothers,	1 20
F. H. Chapman,	"	Hughes,	45
"	"	S. Ryan,	45
"	"	E. Harriman,	1 90
Davis & Ripley,	"	Longley Brothers,	9 25
J. Judkins,	"	A. Austin,	5 00
Edwin Judkins,	"	H. Austin,	7 85

Edwin Judkins,	for Samuel Ryan,	6 10
"	" William Arlin,	6 15
Dr. W. W. Sleeper,	" I. K. Ober,	15 00
"	" Mrs. Howard,	6 00
"	" E. P. Gove,	24 00
"	" J. M. Otis,	15 00
Thomas Patterson,	" Jane Paterson.	26 00
State Reform School,	" Cole boy,	19 50
B. M. Prescott,	" Mrs. Haines,	13 14
H. E. Blake,	" Mrs. Howard,	2 00
Samuel Morse,	" M. E. Paige,	11 25
Leonard Gerrish,	" Frank Herbert,	11 99
W. O. Daniells,	" Mrs. Haines,	8 00
Royal Stone,	" Mrs. Rouse,	20 00
Dr. L. M. Knight,	" Mrs. Howard,	37 00
"	" J. M. Otis,	25 00
"	" Huse Austin,	5 75
"	" J. B. Clay,	8 25
"	" Mrs. Wallace,	3 50
"	" Geo. B. Davidson,	43 00
John Lakin,	" E. B. Paige,	6 00
J. H. Heap,	" W. Scissons,	14 00
Dr. H. Goodrich,	" R. Keaser,	5 00
E. H. Sturtevant,	" E. Paige,	1 95
Amasa Frost,	" J. Frost,	39 09
Dr. J. H. Sanborn,	" J. M. Otis,	6 00
"	" E. Harriman,	10 50
"	" Mrs. D. Haines,	1 50
"	" J. Colcord,	8 00
"	" F. Hebbert,	10 00
"	" Samuel Ryan,	13 00
"	" T. Hughes,	5 50
Morrison & French,	" R. Keaser,	36 00
"	" Mrs. Gomo,	10 00
"	" Miss Harriman,	13 00
"	" I. K. Ober,	14 50

Morrison & French,	for J. Frost,	21 09
J. L. Collins,	" A. Floyd,	9 50
C. A. Knapp,	" E. Harriman,	45 00
Davis & Ripley,	" Mrs. Rouse,	6 00
Dolloff & Greeley,	" Samuel Ryan,	75
"	" Betsey Wallace,	1 00
"	" Frank Leeds,	1 00
"	" J. Rouse,	11 00
"	" W. Arlin,	47 84
"	" J. K. Ober,	6 11
"	" Richard Dooley,	9 52
Johnson & Son,	" F. Leeds,	80
Dr. A. Durkee,	" J. Frost,	11 25
D. Gilchrist & Co.	" Geo. H. Stevens,	3 98
"	" T. J. Scribner,	7 12
"	" Mrs. J. Wallace,	6 48
"	" Samuel Ryan,	21 43
"	" Huse Austin,	17 07
"	" W. Arlin,	49 00
"	" J. B. Clay,	70 00
"	" J. Frost,	26 00
"	" R. Wallace,	9 98
A. S. N. Shaw,	" J. Frost,	3 00
A. D. Frost,	" "	37 50
O. B. Davis,	" E. Harriman,	2 00
J. H. Cilley,	" J. Frost,	9 00
H. S. Prescott,	" R. Waltace,	7 00
"	" Aaron Eastman,	5 57
"	" Ed. Donahue,	19 14
"	" Mrs. Gomo,	12 91
"	" Mrs. D. Haines,	2 00
"	" Mrs. Rouse,	3 00
"	" Longley boys,	78 75
Ira Greeley, service and expense,		43 06
		$1,803.14

External Poor.

Paid	Mrs. E. A. Howe	for G. E. Bond,	25 50
	"	" "	19 50
	Town of Enfield	" E. Merrill,	24 00
	H. Shaw	" Conant boy,	5 00
	H. E. Blake,	" Mrs. Wells,	2 00
	A. D. Frost,	" Father,	10 50
			$86.50

Transient.

Paid	John D. Kirk,	for tickets,	3 80
	T. D. Burleigh,	" tramps,	9 60
	J. D. Kirk,	" tickets	2 10
	H. W. Brockway,	" John Ela,	4 00
	J. D. Kirk,	" tickets,	5 00
	"	" "	2 45
	J. D. Kirk,	" Mary Harriman, tickets.	10 80
	James Martell,	" "	5 25
	D. Gilchrist,	" " shoes.	2 50
	A. Durkee,	" Dooley,	1 25
	F. H. Cornock,	" tramps,	1 60
			$48.35

Incidental Expences.

Paid	C. C. Lund, Surveying,		25 70
	Ira Greeley, bridge case,		100 00
	B. M. Prescott, damage to wagon.		2 50
	C. C. Lund, bridge case,		9 20
	Stephen Kenrick, "	and others.	41 00
	Edwin Judkins, "	"	73 58
	F. A. Dodd, "		30 00
	W. F. Thompson, "		86 50
	C. C. Lund, "		9 65
	B. N. Poor, "		80 50
	Ira Greeley, "		31 25
	Pike & Blodgett "		85 00

D. Barnard, bridge case,	66 70
" on acct. state tax,	20 00
" " Goss case,	26 50
O. B. Davis, damage to wagon,	3 50
" board of Lund,	7 75
Gilchrist & Smith, damage to wagon,	4 75
	$704.08

STATE TAX.

Paid State Treasurer	4256 00

COUNTY TAX.

Paid County Treasurer	4041 07

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Treasurer Board of Education	5974 26

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Paid D. Gilchrist, services,	120 00
" for Babbitt school house,	618 08
W. L. Gilchrist, team,	20 50
	$758.58

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Patrick Colby, over-tax,	6 75
Davis & Ripley, "	15 20
Frank N. Gerrish,	2 25
Hiram Fellows, abatement of tax list, 1872,	362 58
George G. Wadsworth, discount, tax-list, 1877	750 10
" abatement " 1876	315 87
" " " 1877	219 61
S. S. Thompson, over-tax,	2 55
Charles Smith, "	11 25
	$1684 16

School House.

Paid	F. A. Gordon, hanging blinds,	25 00
	G. F. Prescott, "	23 70
	M. G. Kimball, cartage "	2 00
	Levi Richardson trimmings,	56 59
	John Bailey, hanging bell,	25 00
	Wm. S. Wheeler, painting,	15 00
	S. E. Bickford, "	24 30
	E. H. Sturtevant, paints,	32 60
	Gregg & Son, blinds,	272 00
	Northern Railroad Co., freight,	4 65
		$481 14

Statement of Dog Tax.

Balance Mar. 1, 1877,		$60 50	
Received from dog tax,		57 00	$117 50
Paid	J. S. Robinson, sheep killed,	24 00	
	M. S. Morse, " "	2 00	
	Geo. Severance,	10 00	
	W. Holmes,	2 50	38 50
Balance Mar. 1, 1878,			$79 00

Statement of Poor Farm.

Inventory, March 1 1877,	1,019 55
Bills paid by town,	713 00
Paid C. T. Call, stock as bill,	296 47
C. T. Call, salary,	250 00
	2,279 02
Inventory March 1, 1878	1,010 73
Rec'd of C. T. Call, for stock, &c.,	247 55
" county,	218 26
Balance actual expense Poor Farm,	802 48
	2,279 02
Average cost per week for board and clothing of poor at farm,	$1.55

NAMES OF INMATES OF TOWN FARM.

	Age.	No. of Weeks.
Sargent Bennett,	73	52
Abigail Wells,	74	24
Dolly Brown,	70	52
Lucy Brown,	16	52
David Haines,	74	2
Susan Haines,	61	2
Charles Flanders,	41	52
George Blanchard,	40	52
Charles "	38	52
Mary O'Clair,	24	52
John "	5	52
Jennie "	3	52
John Garrity,	15	10
Transient,		9
		515

RECAPITULATION.

Outstanding Bills,	$566 18
Notes, bonds, and interest,	4,495 46
Town expense,	1,159 52
Town farm,	1,012 63
Roads and bridges,	2,372 62
County paupers,	1,803 14
External poor,	86 50
Transient,	48 35
Incidental Expenses,	704 08
State tax, County tax,	8,297 07
State Reform School,	26 00
School money,	5,974 26
Supt. School Committee,	758 58
Abatement and discount on taxes,	1,684 16
School-house,	480 84
Fire department,	2,907 65
	$32,396 19

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IRA GREELEY,
HOWARD S. PRESCOTT,
CHARLES C. CROSS,
} Selectmen of Franklin.

The undersigned, auditors for the year ending March, 1878, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find the same to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

STEPHEN KENRICK,
ISAAC N. BLODGETT,
} Auditors.

Fire-Wards' Report.

The fire engineers, for the town of Franklin, in 1877–8 submit the following report:

The fire department consists of eight engineers, 100 engine men, 50 to each engine, and 13 hose-men, running on Kenrick Hose Carriage No. 1.

The fire apparatus consists of Franklin Engine No. 1, located on Main street, west side of the river, with hose carriage, about 500 feet good 2 inch leather leading hose, pipes, nozzles, buckets, axes, and other equipments necessary for a well organized engine company, all in good condition and ready for use;

Stark Engine No. 3, located on Central street, Franklin Falls, with hose carriage, 500 feet of good leather leading hose, pipes, nozzles, axes, buckets and other necessary material for a well organized and effective company, all in good order and ready for use:

C. C. Kenrick Hose Carriage No. 1, with 800 feet new 2 1-2 inch leather leading hose, 2 play pipes, 1 branch connection with reducers and enlargers to couple to two in hose, 2 buckets, 1 fire axe and other equipments to complete the outfit for a well organized hose company.

This is a new organization. The town at the last annual meeting having "waked up" to the fact that our fire apparatus was not sufficient for the demand made upon it, especially the insufficient quantity of hose and the entire absence of hooks and ladders, very generously voted to appropriate $2,500 to be expended for fire apparatus under the direction of the fire engineers and selectmen. After repeated inquiries your committee came to the unanimous conclusion that leather hose was, all things considered, the most economical to purchase. They accordingly, after getting proposals from Boyd & Sons, of Boston, Josiah Gates & Son, of Lowell, Darrow & Turner, of New York, Samuel Greer, of Philadelphia, Samuel Eastman & Co., of Concord and J. H. Pettengill, of Franklin, were unanimous in awarding the contract to Samuel Eastman & Co., of Concord. The hose is first class in every respect and fully warranted.

After making many inquiries and getting price lists from various hose carriage makers, your committee sent an agent to Lowell, Chelsea and Chicopee, Mass., to see hose carriages for sale and ascertain, as far as possible, in regard to the efficiency of the extinguisher hook and ladder truck.

The agent of the committee reported in favor of buying a second hand carriage, owned by the city of Chelsea, at the price of $350; also in favor of the "Champion" hook and ladder truck. It was voted in committee to purchase the hook and ladder truck; by reason of the tax not being collected it has not been done, but it should be at the earliest practicable time, as your committee consider it one of the most essential pieces of apparatus that any town can own.

The small traps and tools necessary for a hose company the engineers have from time to time furnished, so that to-day we have as good a hose carriage, hose and company as any in the State. We are, however, hiring a place to house it that is no proper place, and we recommend the town, as soon as may be, to procure a more fitting place with better accommodation.

Reservoirs.

The reservoirs on the east side of the river have kept full all the time during the year. The reservoir near the bridge has had a fair supply, but the reservoir near the depot for most of the time has no supply, and the prospect of a full supply from the present source is, to speak as favorably as we can, not very encouraging.

Fires.

Fire in dwelling-house owned and occupied by T. D. Burleigh, March 30, 1877. Loss, $175. Cause unknown. Insured.

Fire in store and dwelling of H. J. Odell, May 24, 1877. Loss $450. Cause, over-heating stove-pipe. Insured. No alarm.

Dwelling-house and barn of Joseph Welch, burned December 8, 1877. Loss, $550. Cause unknown. Insured. No alarm.

March 8, 1878. The dwelling-house and barn of Enoch G. Adams, destroyed by fire. Cause, lamp dropping out of lantern into the hay. Loss $3,000. Insured $2,500.

Expenses.

Paid	J. L. Foote, pay-roll, No. 3,	$250 00
	E. A. Pike, " No. 1,	250 00
	J. E. Messer, labor,	4 50
	Edgar Marsh, labor on pipe,	1 00
	John W. Davis, wood, No. 3,	6 25
	M. G. Kimball, trucking,	1 10
	S. E. Bickford, services,	20 88
	L. D. Sleeper & Co., plank, No. 3,	2 16
	J. L. Foote, pay-roll No. 3,	150 00
	E. A. Pike, pay-roll No. 3,	250 00
	B. C. Stevens, pipe, etc., at foundry,	101 88
	J. L. Foote, pay-roll No. 3,	100 00
	Francis S. Kimball, on hose,	1 50
	O. A. Towne, printing,	1 75
	J. H. Pettengill & Co., repairs on hose,	2 00
	" blunderbuss, etc.,	15 75
	Frank French, labor,	3 00
	James L. Foote, steward,	10 00
	S. E. Bickford, services,	20 40
	James Jackman, labor,	1 50

J. K. Moulton, steward,	10 00
M. G. Kimball, wood and trucking,	8 75
G. O. Thompson, cushion, etc.,	7 00
F. H. Chapman, oil and alcohol,	2 35
J. B. Cawley, labor on No. 1,	1 00
J. S. French, " " "	16 25
J. H. Pettengill, on hose,	7 75
Clark & Haynes, labor,	15 62
James Taylor, water rent,	12 00
F. Call, labor,	1 25
Geo. W. Sawyer,	1 70
E. H. Sturtevant,	5 00
Fred H. Miller, nozzle,	8 55
Levi Richardson, lock and keys, No. 1,	15 53
Burleigh Bros., " " " Hose Co.,	14 91
O. B. Davis, wood No. 1,	9 00
" drawing engine,	3 00
F. H. Daniell, postage and express,	3 90
J. G. Carlton, labor on engines, etc.	22 65
H. C. Griffin, rent of hose house,	3 50
W. L. Gilchrist, rent of hose house,	24 00
	$1,387 38

From the Special Appropriation of $2 500.

Paid S. E. Bickford, expenses to Lowell, Chicopee, etc.,	33 95
White Man'f'g Co., lamps,	22 00
G. O. Thompson, belt,	17 20
Samuel Eastman & Co., hose,	1,002 00
City of Chelsea, hose carriage,	350 00
Dresser & Babbitt, labor on hose house,	50 00
J. A. Doyle, white-washing hose house,	3 00
S. E. Bickford, freight on hose carriage,	4 50
James Taylor, casting,	1 92
S. C. Forsaith & Co., fire alarm,	20 40
Wm. Porter's Sons, lanterns,	15 30
	$1,520 27

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend on the principle of ECONOMY that as soon as may be practicable the town purchase a second-class steam fire engine, and either run our hand engines wholly by volunteers, or perhaps sell one of them. We estimate that the town can and will save $700 per year by the change. Enough may be saved by the arrangement in about five years to pay for a good steamer, to say nothing of the advantages of steam over muscle. And in this place it is proper to state that the Winnipiseogee Paper Co., by W. F. Daniell, has offered (in case the town will buy a steam fire engine) to house the apparatus and furnish team and driver free of charge. Such an offer, we think, ought to be met in a proper manner by other public-spirited citizens.

We think the balance of the appropriation of last year should be placed in the hands of an appropriate committee, to invest in a village hook and ladder truck, with four or six "Champion" extinguishers attached, as we certainly think it one of the most efficient of anything that has yet been put in the market. In the early stages of a fire it can in many cases be stopped by the use of this apparatus before it is possible to get on a stream of water, being always ready at a moment's notice and throwing so small a quantity of water as not to damage buildings or furniture. With water alone sometimes more damage is done by the water than by the fire, which by the use of the chemical is entirely obviated.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. E. BICKFORD,
FRANK H. DANIELL,
O. B. DAVIS,
A. D. SANBORN,
L. L. FROST,
A. W. SULLOWAY,
} Fire Engineers of Franklin.

Treasurer's Report.

The town treasurer respectfully submits the following report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending March 1, 1878.

1876.		RECEIPTS.	
Mar.	5	Balance from last year,	1,524 07
	12	Cash of G. G. Wadsworth, collector,	300 00
	15	" " "	400 00
April	19	" selectmen, licenses,	15 00
	20	" G. G. Wadsworth, collector,	250 00
May	2	" note, Franklin Savings Bank,	500 00
	4	" G. G. Wadsworth,	150 00
	12	" "	225 00
	19	" "	200 00
	23	" "	250 00
	25	" "	250 00
June	2	" "	175 00
	6	" "	200 00
	9	" "	250 00
	14	" "	250 00
	16	" "	350 00
	18	" "	1,050 00
	29	" "	275 00
July	6	" "	1,200 00
	13	" "	300 00
	17	" "	300 00
	20	" "	300 00

July	23	Cash	G. G. Wadsworth,	500 00
	25	"	"	750 00
	27	"	"	500 00
	30	"	"	475 00
	31	"	"	900 00
Aug.	1	"	"	650 00
	2	"	"	900 00
	7	"	"	1,600 00
	13	"	"	350 00
	14	"	"	91 29
	27	"	"	750 00
Sept.	1	"	"	450 00
	4	"	"	2,700 00
	22	"	"	200 00
Oct.	13	"	"	11 00
Nov.	14	"	"	366 00
	22	"	"	200 00
	26	"	"	550 00
	27	"	H. Fellows, collector for 1875.	100 00
Dec.	6	"	G. G. Wadsworth,	100 00
	20	"	"	175 00
	29	"	"	150 00
1878.				
Jan.	2	"	State treasurer, railroad tax,	1,692 21
		"	" savings bank tax.	3,226 32
		"	" literary fund,	250 26
	7	"	G. G. Wadsworth,	125 00
	9	"	"	100 00
	12	"	"	250 00
	15	"	"	100 00
	17	"	"	100 00
	21	"	"	250 00
Feb.	2	"	"	225 00
	9	"	"	150 00
	12	"	"	125 00
		"	selectmen, support county paupers,	1,896 62

Feb.	13	Cash G. G. Wadsworth,	250 00
	14	" " .	350 00
	16	" "	400 00
	19	" "	150 00
	23	" "	200 00
	27	" "	250 00
Mar.	2	" "	600 00
	4	" "	83 00
		" H. Fellows, collector for 1875,	200 00
		" Selectmen, abatement of taxes for 1875,	362 58
		" " " 1876,	315 87
		" " " 1877,	219 61
		" " discount on taxes, 1877,	750 10
		" Selectmen of Tilton,	20 00
		" Selectmen of Bridgewater,	9 52
		" " of Mrs. Goss,	55 00
		" " Weeks's license,	10 00
			$33,698 52

EXPENDITURES.

Paid orders from No. 1 to 406,	32,396 19
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	1302 33
	$33,698 52

D. S. GILCHRIST, Treasurer.

The undersigned, auditors for the year ending March, 1878, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them to be properly vouched and correctly cast.

STEPHEN KENRICK, } Auditors.
ISAAC N. BLODGETT, }

Town of Franklin Balance Sheet.

March, 1878.

Liabilities.

Note and int. due	S. C. Bean,	865 00
	J. Collins,	438 00
	J. M. Clough,	658 00
	S. S. Thompson,	173 00
	T. M. Straw,	710 00
	A. M. Babbitt,	618 00
	F. E. Dustin,	314 00
	R. M. Dow,	150 00
	J. Arey,	60 00
	W. Barney,	424 00
	R. M. Dow,	122 00
	S. R. Martin,	193 00
	W. Lynch,	2,400 00
	L. Cogswell,	962 00
	D. Learey,	240 00
	N. C. Jones,	280 00
	J. M. Thompson,	424 00
	J. M. Greeley,	1,200.00
	M. Bartlett,	1,179 00
	A. M. Babbitt,	1,495 00

J. W. Richardson,	1,173 00
S. Brown,	467 00
P. Batchelder,	1,150 00
J. Hill,	2,325 00
T. C. Taylor,	462 00
K. Barney,	808 00
A. M. Shackford,	579 00
E. D. Muzzey,	231 00
R. R. Smith,	132 00
M. A. Thompson,	1,151 00
W. Eaton, Ex'r,	66 00
A. M. Osgood,	347 00
B. P. Lane,	453 00
L. French,	289 00
R. R. Smith,	212 00
F. M. Straw,	224 00
J. Leavitt,	1,686 00
L. W. Leavitt,	112 00
H. Fellows,	264 00
Town Bonds,	40,000 00
Unpaid Coupons,	312 00
	$65,348 00

Assets.

Outstanding taxes for 1874,	1,421 33
" " 1875,	1,380 63
" " 1876,	591 92
" " 1877,	10,415 43
Due on J. M. Fellows' note,	121 00
" A. P. Thompson's note,	23 90
Due from Merrimack County, bills paid,	197 07
" town of Alexandria,	50 12
Tools, lumber, etc., estimated,	140 00
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1,302 33
Balance indebtedness of town,	49,704 27
	$65,348 00